

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

A BETTER DEMAND FOR MONEY.

The Rate on Call Advances to Five Per Cent.

A Further Rise of a Quarter Per Cent in the Gold Market.

Our Bonds Lower in London and Higher at Home.

MONEY ON THE CONTINENT HARDENING.

A Feverish Speculation at the Stock Exchange.

GENERAL DECLINE IN PRICES.

The Erie "Corner" Maintained, but the Stock Lower.

FALL IN HANNIBAL AND ST. JOSEPH.

WALL STREET, Sept. 16—P. M.

On Change to-day was quiet and about steady. Flour was active and the cotton market was weak and a fraction lower.

COMPARISON OF THE IMPORTS.

The following shows the imports, exclusive of specie, at the port of New York for the week ending September 14 and since the beginning of the year:

	1870.	1871.	1872.
Dry goods	\$2,201,880	\$3,467,827	\$3,424,038
General misc.	2,048,215	2,702,610	2,094,359
Total	\$4,250,095	\$6,170,437	\$5,518,397

Since Jan. 1. 1872. \$1,465,482 \$2,718,909 \$3,127,553

MONEY MORE ACTIVE.

There was a better inquiry for money, and the rate on call averaged fully 5 per cent. The earlier dealings were at 4 per cent, succeeding which the rate hardened to 5 per cent, and the quotation becoming 6 per cent, a good many loans were made at as high as 6 per cent. Eventually the dealings closed at 5 per cent, more being offered on the same terms. The Chicago papers report a more active demand for money in that city, and predict a possible stringency.

AT AN EARLY DATE.

The rates of domestic exchange are not such as to warrant any heavy shipments from this city as yet, and the country banks are drawing only for small amounts to meet current needs. Foreign exchange was quiet and steady on the basis of 108 a 108 1/2 for prime bankers' sixty-day sterling, and 109 a 109 1/2 for sight sterling. The Bank of Prussia is reported to have advanced the discount rate from 4 to 5 per cent. This action will probably be responded to by the Bank of England on Thursday.

GOLD STRONG—113 1/2 A 114 1/2.

The gold market was strong on heavy purchases by the clique, who were in early possession of quotations from London, showing a decline in our securities in that market, the result, it is supposed, of a decline on the Continent, occasioned in turn by the action of the Bank of Prussia. For a time the rumor of the peace of Russia for the abrogation of that oft-mooted international peace-disturbing document, the

TREATY OF PARIS.

whether this matter affected gold or not, the tenor of the story later in the day from an authoritative source failed to weaken the market. As for the effort of one party in the clique to punish the other who had gone over to the enemy, little sign of hostility was seen, except that toward the close cash gold was made worth 1-32 for the day's use, while 1-64 was bid for its use to-morrow. Indeed, it is probable that the defection referred to was in the stock market only, and in Erie particularly, the deserts merely selling out their gold, without placing themselves short of the market and continuing their "bear" operations to stocks. As it was, gold advanced from 113 1/2 to 114 1/2, and closed at 113 1/2. The sub-treasury paid out \$200,000 on account of interest and \$4,000 on account of redeemed free-twenties. The course of the market is shown in the table:

GOLD FLUCTUATIONS.

on Thursday.

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